

## Home Birth Program

Families who are planning a home birth can pre-register with the Health Department toward the end of the pregnancy. The Health Department will schedule an appointment to obtain proof of identity, address, and pregnancy. After the baby is born, another shorter appointment will be made by a CCHD nurse to see the baby and record details of the birth that are required to apply for a birth certificate.

For more information or to register a home birth, contact Kathy Brown, R.N., Maternal and Child Health Nurse, at **410-876-4956** or by email at [kathy.brown@maryland.gov](mailto:kathy.brown@maryland.gov).

## Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

Lead poisoning affects many children younger than 6 years old in Maryland. Lead can harm a child's brain, causing lifelong learning and behavior problems. Lead dust in the home is caused by chipping, peeling, flaking or deteriorating lead-based paint and can be found in any home. Lead can also be found in toys, jewelry, and other consumer products and may be brought home from some jobs.

For more information on how to protect your family from lead please go to: Protect Your Family From Sources of Lead <https://www.epa.gov/lead/protect-your-family-sources-lead#sl-home> or call **410-876-4956**.



## Carroll County Health Department



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

The Carroll County Health Department complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability in its health programs and activities.

Help is available in your language:  
**1-800- 966-3877 (TTY: 711).**

Interpreter services are available for free.  
Español/Spanish Hay ayuda disponible en su idioma: **1-800- 966-3877 (TTY: 711)**. Estos servicios están disponibles gratis.

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## Maternal and Child Health Services

Carroll County Health Department  
Westminster, MD

# Who are we?

The Maternal Child Health Program (MCH) at the Carroll County Health Department (CCHD) provides a range of programs to help pregnant women and children in Carroll County get the services they need to stay healthy.

## Services

### Best Beginnings

The Best Beginnings Program is a collaboration between Carroll County Health Department, Carroll Hospital, and a local obstetrician. Best Beginnings provides access to prenatal care for pregnant women in Carroll County who are uninsured and are not eligible for Federal or State assistance and insurance. Women who are of undocumented non-citizen status may qualify for this low cost or no cost program that provides access to prenatal care, assistance with applying for Emergency Medical Assistance (covers labor and delivery), prenatal education, and linkage to community resources. Participation in the program is based on financial, residency, and gestational age (how far along you are in your pregnancy) requirements.

Call **410-876-4942** or **410-876-4990 (Spanish)** for more information or an appointment.



## Infants and Toddlers

When an infant or toddler has special health care needs/diagnosed disabilities which puts him or her at risk for developmental delays, he or she may be referred to the CCHD Infants and Toddlers Program. A service coordinator schedules an evaluation/assessment—at no cost to the family—to determine if the child is eligible for services and works with the family to establish an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). Using a parent-coaching model, the parent becomes a learner as the early intervention (EI) provider coaches the parent to work with their child in their daily routine focusing on each child's strengths and needs. This program is part of the Birth to Kindergarten early intervention program run by Carroll County Public Schools.

Call **410-876-4437** for more information.

## School Health

CCHD provides support for school nurses in Carroll County by assisting with:

- Back To School Vaccination and Flu Vaccination school located clinics
- School health and wellness by supporting the CCPS School Health Council which is an advocacy group for Comprehensive School Health Programs
- Public health emergency planning
- Hearing and vision screening (pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st, 4th, 8th graders and students new to Maryland schools)

CCHD staff also offers services for private schools and child care facilities. Call **410-876-4942** or contact your child's school for more information

## Vaccines For Children

Vaccines For Children The VFC Immunization Clinic provides vaccines and vaccine record-keeping to children who are uninsured or have Medical Assistance, from birth to age 18. The VFC Child Immunization Clinic is only for those children who have Medical Assistance, Medicaid, or who are Underinsured, Uninsured, or American Indian or Alaska Native. VFC Immunization Clinics are held on the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Wednesdays. Additional clinics may be added as needed.

Call **410-876-4920** or **410-876-4949** for an appointment.

If you have private insurance and are inquiring about vaccinations, you should see your medical provider or go to <https://www.vaccines.gov/>

Parents and guardians may access and print their child's immunization record via Maryland MyIR at: [md.myir.net](https://md.myir.net). Maryland MyIR is a secure free website service that allows you to view/print your official immunization record from Maryland's secure immunization information system, ImmuNet.

